

RC Job 60-139
Box 1 BR
"Biographic
Register 1952-57"

BIOGRAPHIC REGISTER BRIEFING NOTES:

MISSION:

Highlight NSCID #8 - community responsibility for biographic coverage on foreign scientific and technical personalities.

Mention pre-1953 mission, possibly as follows:

Formerly, the Biographic Register processed information and compiled reports on political, diplomatic and cultural personalities, as well as those in scientific and technical fields. However, as the result of an OIC staff study which revealed a high degree of duplication in materials processed by BR and State/BI, it was considered expedient to utilize the facilities of the latter Division to meet CIA needs for information on the first three categories. A contract was signed, whereby State/BI agreed to provide complete biographic service to CIA in those areas in return for budgetary support of 27 positions in State/BI, or approximately \$150,000 annually. Implementation of this agreement began in January 1953 and, as of the present time, State/BI has fully assumed responsibility for the required biographic service.

ORGANIZATION:

Organized on an area basis, the BR consists of a headquarters, - the Office of the Chief; two intelligence components, - the Soviet Branch and the Non-Soviet Branch; and an analytical and service component, - the Support Branch:

<u>Office of the Chief</u>		
<u>Soviet Branch</u>	<u>Non-Soviet Branch</u>	<u>Support Branch</u>
USSR Section	[] Section Western Section	Analysis Section
Satellite Section		Machine Section
Far/Near East Section		Master File Section
		Information Control Section

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES DURING 1955:

During 1955, the Register received 4,983 requests originating both within and without CIA. In response, BR produced:

1. Documented reports on [] individuals.
2. Informal summaries on [] individuals.
3. Reproductions of data from BR files on [] individuals.
4. Who's Who cards covering [] individuals.
5. Written reports on 24 organizations.
6. 96 machine listings, containing references to [] names.

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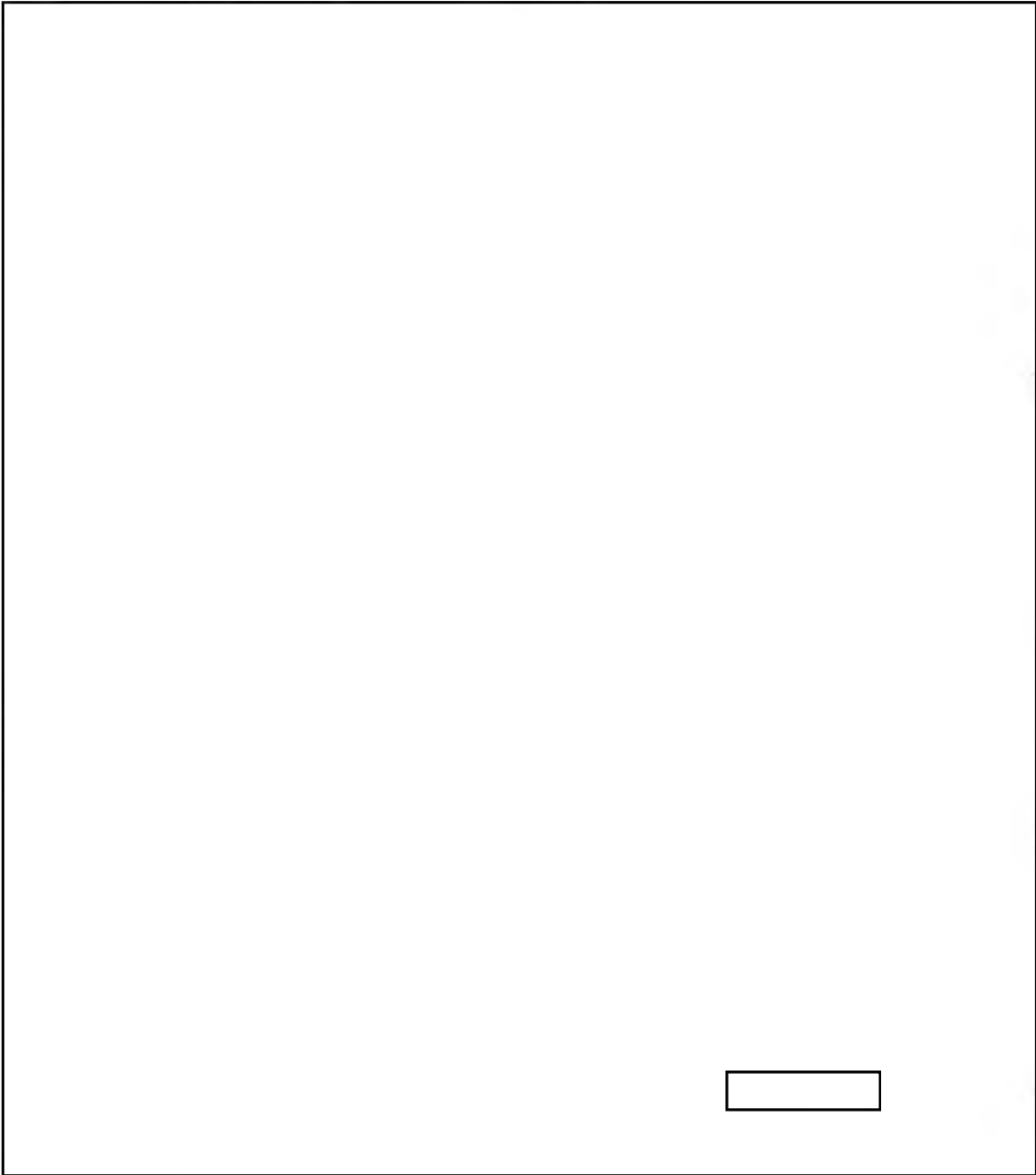
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